

ADDING MORSE BY TELLING STORIES OF ROOSEVELT

Ex-Banker's Friends Arouse
Sympathy With Reports of
Presidential Persecution.

CREDITORS IN A FIGHT.

Preferred Ones Attempt to
Hold Off Bankruptcy Pro-
ceedings Until March.

The preferred creditors of Charles W. Morse, to whom he assigned securities and other collateral last October when he saw the storm approaching, are making a clever and determined fight to stave off bankruptcy proceedings, which would force them to take their chances with the other creditors. They played a trump card by spreading a report that President Roosevelt is persecuting Morse.

It is possible to create sympathy in Wall street for a yellow dog by making him a victim of White House persecution. Besides, there is a sneaking regard for Morse in Wall street among men who have engaged in the same practices that have earned him indictment as a criminal.

Two of Morse's preferred creditors are his lawyers, Albert B. Boardman and Philip Britt. Their interest in securing their claims is an added incentive to their efforts to keep Morse from the bankruptcy courts. If they can stave off the bankruptcy proceedings until March 1 their preferences will be reasonably safe.

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AFRAID OF THUGS, HE MISSED FAT FEE

Dr. Friedman Told Police of

Telephone Call, and Found

It Was a 'Bouncing Boy.'

"Doctor Friedman, you should right away come by No. 112 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, Dr. Gershenson will be here, too, and Mrs. Levowitz is very sick," was the message the first-named physician received early to-day at his home, No. 22 Orchard street.

Dr. Friedman did not know Mrs. Levowitz, of One Hundred and Eleventh street. He became suspicious. He called up Dr. Gershenson, who lives at No. 46 Henry street. The latter said, "I never heard of the woman."

Dr. Friedman went to bed, saying to his wife that he wouldn't travel to One Hundred and Eleventh street to be snubbed. Mrs. Friedman, however, who recalled the doctor's message, sent a patrolman to the Levowitz address. He came back.

"What was it?" asked the Lieutenant.
"A fine big bouncing baby boy, and that doctor is out a fine big fat fee," answered the bluecoat.

TO FIGHT HUGHES ON NOMINATIONS BILL

Republican Bosses Plan to
Again Defeat Governor's
Move for Direct System.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 21.—Gov. Hughes renewed his fight for direct primary nomination to-day by having Senator Tamm and Assemblyman Green introduce his bill to make direct nominations permissive. The Republican bosses are prepared to make a sturdy opposition to the measure. They defeated the Governor in this matter last year and expect to turn the trick again.

The bill provides that the General Committee of a party in a city or village or in a county wholly within a city, or a town or a village, may adopt a rule for direct nominations in order that the rule may be effective it must be adopted at least fifty days before the primary election.

A copy of the rule must immediately be delivered to the custodian of primary records, who shall cause it to be published forthwith in one newspaper with a general circulation in the city or village and of the political faith of the party adopting the rule. The effect is that all the officers to be elected from territory wholly within the political subdivision must be nominated by direct vote at the primaries.

Provision is made under this bill for official primary ballots containing the nominations as well as those for party positions. The candidates must be nominated by petition, the signatures to which must be acknowledged or proven. The signers must be enrolled members of the party, and no one may sign more than one petition.

A petition presenting the name of a candidate for a position to be filled from an Assembly or Aldermanic district must be signed by at least one hundred, if from a Senatorial or Congressional district, by at least two hundred, from a county by at least three hundred, from an election district by at least ten, and from any other unit of representation by at least one per cent. of the vote cast in that territory for the party's candidate for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The petition must be accompanied by the consent of the candidate in writing and be filed before 5 P. M. on the twentieth day before the primary election.

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BOY IS HELD FOR STABBING AT THE HOUSE OF REFUGE

Rafere Sfonsa Declares the
Killing of Oshansky Was
Accidental.

Rafael Sfonsa, the House of Refuge boy who stabbed Meyer Oshansky in a fight in the institution on Feb. 8, inflicting injuries from the effects of which Oshansky died on Feb. 13, was this afternoon held without bail by Coroner Acritelli to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Fifteen inmates of the House of Refuge, including two boys who were stabbed by Sfonsa in the fatal fight, testified that the killing of Oshansky was an accident.

Sfonsa in his own behalf said that there had been a feud in the House of Refuge since last August between him and a boy named Kanner. Both boys had a following. After supper on Feb. 8 Sfonsa and Kanner got together in the playroom.

"They knocked me down," said Sfonsa, "and I got my knife out. When I was on the floor I struck out with the knife and stabbed a boy named Blumenfeld in the back. As I was struggling to my feet I struck out again and stabbed Oshansky. I didn't mean to stab him. I was striking at Blumenfeld, who was fighting me. I don't know if I stabbed a boy named Axelrod or not. Blumenfeld, Kanner and thirteen other boys gave practically the same version of the affray. John J. Preschi, who appeared as counsel for Sfonsa, made this statement to the court:

"Sfonsa is making his statement against my advice. When the case comes to trial I will be able to show a different state of facts. This boy is protecting others and not as guilty as he makes himself out to be."

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